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Fowler's United Methodist Church, site

Architectural Survey File

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Anne Arundel - 736
Fowler's U.M.Church (Site)
Bestgate Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21401

1871, 1965

The present Fowler's U.M. Church was built in 1965. The congregation was originally founded in 1871 (John Wesley Chapel). This small Methodist Episcopal Chapel was one of the oldest churches in the Parole area. It grew in the same era Macedonia (later Mt. Olivet) A.M.E. Church was founded near the railroad station at Camp Parole. Fowler's, like Little Asbury M.E. Church, had close ties to Asbury M.E. Church in Annapolis. Today, Fowler's has a large congregation and is located in a community that is still primarily black.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fowler's U.M. Church (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bestgate Road

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

X

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

___BUILDING(S)

X STRUCTURE

X SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

X ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

X EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

X RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees, Fowler's U.M. Church

Telephone #: 224-2149

STREET & NUMBER

Bestgate Road

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel Co. Court House

Liber #: GW 59

Folio #: 110

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

n/a

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Fowler's M. M. Church was built in 1965. It is a brick structure. The church faces south and is 15 feet from the north side of Bestgate Road, one mile from that route's junction with General's Highway. The building is of no interest architecturally, but I have enclosed a photograph of the strusture.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Founded 1871 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fowler's U.M. Church (originally John Wesley Chapel) was founded in 1871. This small Methodist Episcopal Chapel was one of the oldest churches in the Parole area. It grew in the same era Macedonia (later Mt. Olivet) A.M.E. Church was founded near the railroad station at Camp Parole. Fowler's, like Little Asbury M.E. Church, had close ties to Asbury M.E. Church in Annapolis. Today, Fowler's U. M. Church has a large congregation and is located in a community that is still primarily black.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

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Southeast elevation
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